GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the breaches in the marble of Taj Mahal are causing danger to its very existence;

(b) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the item on this subject appearing in the `Dainik Jagaran` dated June 17, 2000;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the policy being contemplated by the Government for protection and conservation of Taj Mahal?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) There are no breaches in the marble of the Taj Mahal.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The aspects of maintenance referred to in the news item are of a routine nature and are attended to in the normal process of maintenance and conservation.

(d) : The Government is committed to the proper conservation of this World Heritage Monument.